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Comment of the day

FIRE INQUIRY
NEEDED

HONGKONG has seen some spectacular fires in its lifetime. History books record the blaze that incinerated 172 Chinese houses in the Boundary-street area in 1851. Then there was the fire which destroyed the Roman Catholic Church in Wellington-street eight years later. And there was the gunpowder ship which blew up at Stonecutters Island killing 40 coolies in 1867.

In 1918, there was the Happy Valley holocaust in which hundreds died in the blazing inferno of a matted grandstand during a Derby Day race meeting. And eight years ago many recall that Christmas night horror in Kowloon when a huge squatter area was reduced to ashes and 50,000 were made homeless.

YESTERDAY'S blaze at the exhibition ground may compare with none of these in magnitude or suffering. But let no one delude himself. Had the fire occurred on a Saturday night with the milling crowds jamming the maze of narrow alleys that wind between the stalls, today's headlines would have read differently and Hongkong would have had a terrible tragedy to lament. Indeed that none perished and that the hundreds inside the exhibition area escaped unscathed was nothing short of a miracle.

The speed with which the Fire Brigade and the Navy reached the scene of the blaze and tackled the burning stalls deserves highest credit. Any delay could have been catastrophic. But the matter cannot end there. The cause of the fire is reported to be an electrical fault. It will be recalled that a neon-tube tower caught fire a few years ago when the exhibition site was in Kowloon, and the ground had been temporarily closed.

There is indeed always this danger of faulty electrical wiring where neon and other lighting is extensively used and where the stalls are rapidly assembled. And the fire danger becomes obvious when it is realised that the materials used in these temporary structures consist largely of painted wooden panels and paper board, and the display items of inflammable fibres and plastics.

THE question that must be asked is how thoroughly were the electrical fittings checked? The answer seems to be not thoroughly enough. If there is to be another exhibition the public will need to be assured that every stall has been carefully examined. An added insurance would be the installation of an automatic sprinkler system. Clearly the presence of a small fire appliance and a few extinguishers was completely inadequate.

Finally, we urge that a public inquiry be held to pin down the exact cause and responsibility to survey the precautions taken and to recommend essential safeguards for the future, including the need for a more spacious area, a less congested lay-out for the stalls and many more exits. This is one occasion when the public escaped lightly. But unless steps are taken to remedy defects and shortcomings, this may happen again. And with far more disastrous consequences.

Investigation
into cause
of the blaze

The Chinese Manufacturers Association will resume the 19th Exhibition of Hongkong Products "as soon as possible" after repairing the damage caused by yesterday's fire.

Mr Charles Chu, Secretary of the Association, said this morning that a party of CMA officials were accompanying officers of the Fire Services Department and a representative of the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd on a survey of the site this morning.

It is intended to repair the exhibition hall as soon as possible in order to have the new exhibition ready to receive the visitors.

Million tasks

It depends on many things, he said. "Right now we have a million tasks to do."

It was not yet decided whether the exhibition period would be prolonged in order to cover the time lost.

On a tour of the site to survey the damage and possibly ascertain the cause of the fire this morning were Mr R. G. Cox, Director of the Fire Service,

THE CAUSE?

After a survey this morning, it is believed that the fire was caused by some electric fault, said the Director of the Fire Services Department, Mr R. G. Cox.

Mr Cox inspected the debris in the exhibition grounds this morning in the company of other officials of his Department and Mr J. H. Collins, Distribution Engineer of the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd.

"It was either a condenser, or a transformer, or something else that went off like a bomb before the start of the blaze," he said.

Department: Mr J. Miller, Deputy Director of the Department; Mr A. E. H. Wood, Senior Divisional Officer of the FSD; Mr F. Jackson, Acting Divisional Officer of the Department; and a representative of the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd.

Findings

Their survey started before 8 am and was still going on at the time of going-to Press.

Preliminary findings indicated that the fire had been an electric one. But it was not certain whether it was caused by lighting fixtures, neon signs or some other installation.

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Statement

Mr D. Brooks, the station's Broadcasting Director, told the China Mail this morning that the equipment was worth some \$80,000.

One stall was at the Wan-chai end of the exhibition ground, about 30 yards from the central section which was on fire," he continued.

"We had to rip off, by brute force, the larger instruments held down by bolts and nuts."

Radio Hongkong will reassemble all instruments when the fair resumes operation, he added.

The £10,000 modern cigarette machinery put on display by the British-American Tobacco Co. (HK) Ltd at the Hongkong Products Exhibition ground was untouched by the fire.

Mr P. A. G. Purdon, Sales Assistant of BAT, said this morning that they are at the far end of the display section away from the fire.

He said the Company would continue to show the machine when the fair resumed "because we have put in a lot of money in preparing for the display."

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PUZZLE OF THE STAY-AT-HOME MUSIC LOVERS by D.E. Gray

IT is a great pity that the public of Hongkong does not take full advantage of the opportunity of hearing some of the world's leading musicians when they are presented here by Harry Odell and by the Music society.

Moura Lympany, renowned British pianist, needs no introduction to any audience in the English-speaking world or Europe. Yet her recital in Kowloon Hall last night was very poorly attended, and those music-lovers who fail to turn out are often those who, when in London, deplore the fact that they cannot get tickets for Festival Hall, to hear the same artist.

As Alice said, "I grow wiser and wiser." Of course, it must be acknowledged that the piano situation in Kowloon is enough to drive any pianist and impresario "crazy".

I complained of the poor quality of the piano which Rachkovsky chose for himself. I cannot really say the one Moura Lympany played on is any better.

It dull, muffled tone seemed to fall dead on the pianist every time she tried to "open out", and its lack of responsiveness gave an apparent lack of clarity to every passage despite the artist's determined and perceptive efforts to ensure that no notes went dead.

Nevertheless, the opening work (Beethoven's 32 Variations) was enjoyable, for the artist seemed

to instill into these variations great freshness and youthful beauty.

Sometimes pianists try to make more of this work than it contains. Moura Lympany gave an honest and faithful reading of the work.

The main work of the first half was the first of Schumann's Sonatas (Op. 11 in F sharp minor), written in 1835. I find Schumann's piano sonatas rather exhilarating to listen to.

There is so much genuine beauty present, but randomly flying about—nothing seems to be worked out and moulded into any sort of coherent form.

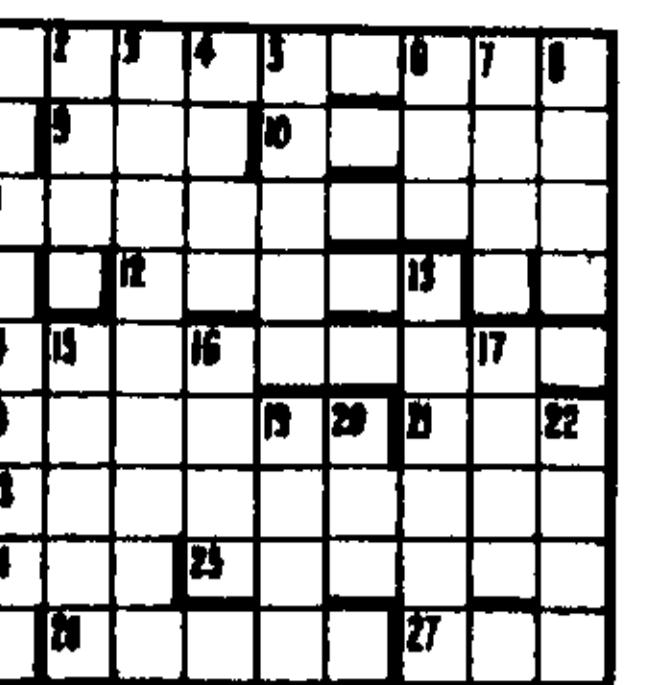
He originally published this sonata under a pseudonym calling it "Sonata for the Piano dedicated to Clara" by Fleckenstein and Eusebius; and this is a pretty accurate description as it conveys the two contrasting sides of Schumann's character brought out in the strongest relief without any attempt at compromise.

The opening Adagio of great beauty and passion is "Eusebius" and this is followed by the restlessness and impulsiveness of the first movement proper (Flore tan).

But the movement is completely devoid of proportion and stature.

At the demands of a small but discriminating audience the artist generously gave encores of works by Chopin, Rachmaninoff and Scriabin, the performance of which simply confirmed the reputation of Miss Lympany—a pianist of great stature.

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1 Clock (9)
10 Fastener (8)
11 Rule (6)
12 Distorted (9)
13 New Testament book (14)
14 Town square in Italy (13)
21 Humours (5)
22 Painting (9)
23 Driving off ground (13)
24 Cinema item (6)
25 Crawler (5)
27 Small mark (8)

Down

1 Not extreme (9)
2 Short (4)
3 Distorted (9)
4 Therefore (4)
5 First lady (3)
7 Musical term (4)
8 Volcano (4)
13 The day old, this morning (16)
15 Scottish (11)
16 Old measures (14)
17 Piece (4)
19 Sound of a globe (13)
20 Sleep (13)
22 Sailor (11)
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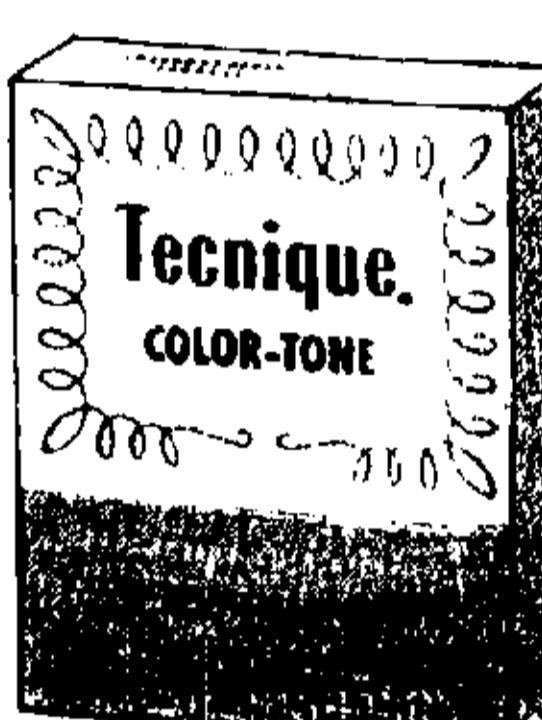
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TELEVISION

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SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) You are judged a year immature, toward members of the public, and should treat them as easily as you do your friend.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20) A beginning of introspection would soon be discouraged if you showed some impatience at being disturbed.

YOUR BIRTHDAY If this is your birthday you may be well pleased this year, and there will be no further danger of a breach.



It's the SHAPE of the YEAR...

BUT DO YOU THINK

I COULD FIND IT

IN DARKEST HONGKONG?

TODAY'S picture is of a dress which is absolutely bang on the fashion nail. It's the Shape of the Year. It's the dress every woman wants. But where is it?

Well it's not in Hongkong for a start.

I know, I have looked.

If you have been following the current fashion trends, you will know that skirts are now short and pretty with either a flare at the hem or a swing of pleats. It's a loose line, but one which also manages to be both

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The next shop had obviously never even heard of a flare.

I pressed on and eventually, many shops later, weary and disillusioned, I bought a tweed skirt in desperation. It wasn't at all what I had intended to buy—but at least it had THE FLARE.

current fashion and one dress will hardly go round the lot. Even supposing it was summer and the time for cottons.

So there is the result of my survey—no flare.

Once more Hongkong is going to miss out, and the old story of this year, next year, sometimes, never applies yet again.

By the time dresses like those are in the shops here, the original freshness and desire to buy has worn fairly thin.

WHY is it almost impossible to buy anything which is all at once, smart, fashionable, and inexpensive in Hongkong?

WHY was the only thing in a pricey shop in Des Voeux-road that I chose to try on as being even vaguely smart, marked up at \$365? A plain wool overblouse top with a pleated skirt. I for one resent paying £23 for a garment which in London would cost me £6 or less. Does it cost £17 to import one dress?

WHERE are the little nothing dresses which flood the shops elsewhere in the world?

Old story

I might just as well have been in search of the Yeti

!

Pictures and sketches of clothes with this understated look have been coming in from London for months now.

I set out the other day shopping with a dress in mind. It

was the result of looking through the racks of clothes in a newly opened shop in Queen's-road. I had just got hold of something that might have had a flare to it—only to have it forcibly snatched out of my hand by an assistant. Presumably to show to some one else with more buying potential than myself.

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A must

If you want a ready made dress here, you pay through the nose for something way behind the times, and ten to one you are only buying it because you must have something, you are tired of trudging round and its the only thing in the shop that fits.

WHOSE fault is it?

The answer to that one is that it's the fault of the buyers. The actual translation of the wholesale fashions to the shops is through the buyers.

My sockeroo is to the buyers then, and to the stores who cash in on clothes and never catch up on fashion.

CUPANI SOWARD

A tasty treat—and you needn't count the cost

I AM still staggering under the gunfire from housewives who find 12 eggs, 1 lb. ham, and 2 lb. tomatoes "outrageously extravagant" in preparing a supper for six people.

I'm not with them. But never mind. Let's forget poor old Egg Surprise (delicious, incidentally!) ... and concentrate on something really inexpensive.

What about CURRY? Curries—and nearly

gives away ...

YOU NEED (for four people): One large cauliflower, 6 oz. mushrooms, 1 pt. white sauce (made with butter, half - milk, half-cauliflower water, and the yolk of one egg), a coffee-spoonful of Indian curry powder (or more if you like a really strong flavour of curry) and a few tomatoes.

★ ★ ★

TO MAKE: Cook the cauliflower in boiling, salted water until it is soft, but not falling apart. While it is cooking, peel and quarter the mushrooms and sauté them with salt and pepper in about an ounce of butter. And make the white sauce,

The same thing applies to CHICORY ROLLS, which, although a little more expensive, are also easy to prepare and pleasant to eat.

YOU NEED (for four people): Six pieces of Belgian chicory, six slices of ham, butter, flour, grated cheese, salt and pepper.

TO PREPARE: Cook the chicory and put it to drain. When all the water is out, roll each piece in a slice of ham; then put the pieces in a buttered oven dish and cover the whole thing with a thick cheese sauce.

Sprinkle the top generously with grated cheese and put it in a hot oven to brown. Serve at once.

London Express Service.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

SOUTH hasn't much of an opening bid when you look at his high cards only. But in practice, his fourth hand spade bid is eminently correct.

To start with he has spades and since neither opponent could open the bidding, it is unlikely that they will be able to go far against that most important suit.

Then, if they do start to compete and North decides to double, then South has two aces which will represent two defensive tricks against them.

Such players are penny wise and pound foolish. Once North jumps in spades the South hand moves way up in value and South should go on to game.

There is nothing to play at four spades. South loses two diamonds and one heart. He can run two of his hearts in dummy. Actually, he is unlucky not to make five.

Put the ace of diamonds in the West hand and he would.

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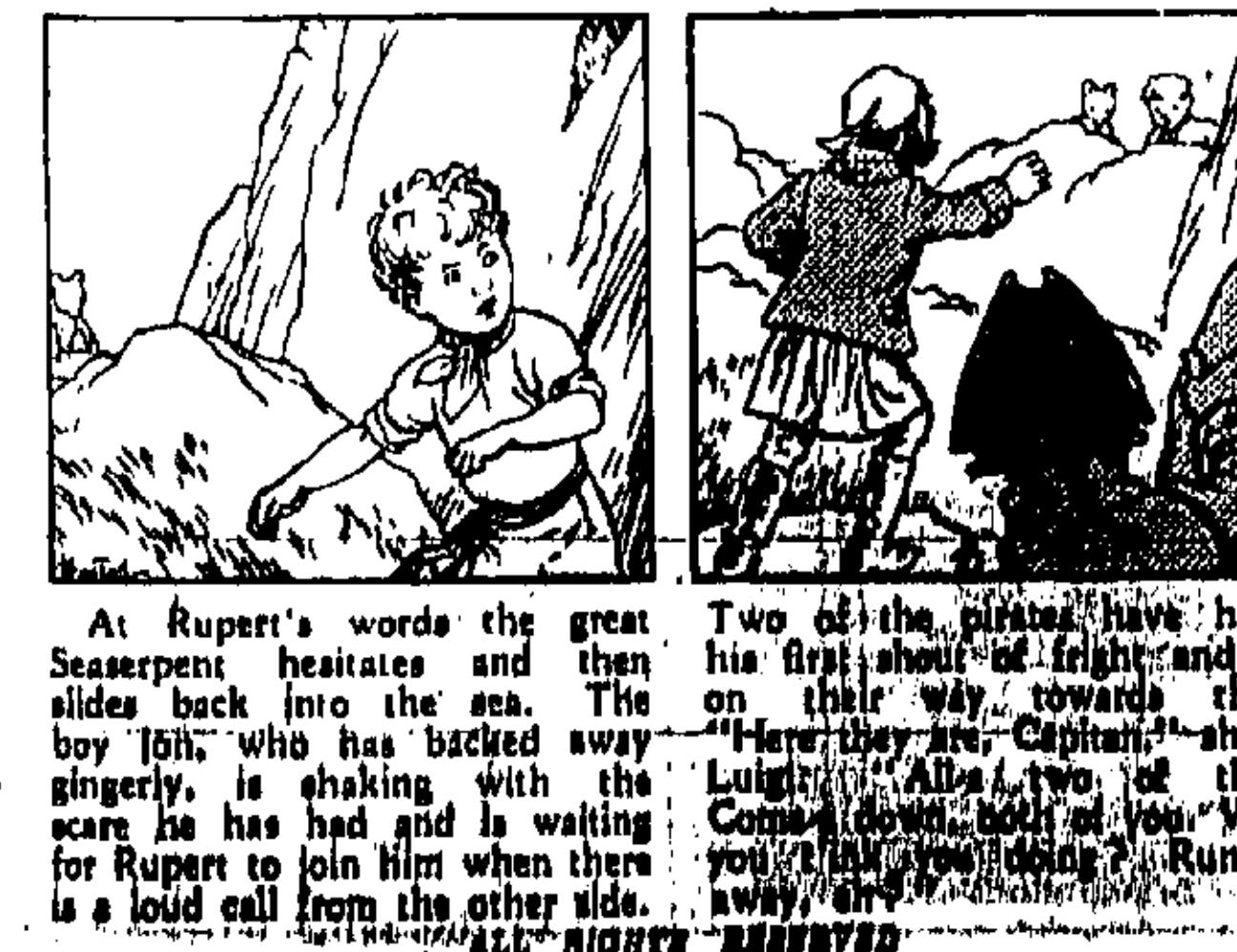
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Rupert and the Popweed—33



Waiting for call
"I don't know, I'm waiting for another telephone call," I said.
At that moment there was a sound like a clock striking in somebody else's house.
"Pardon me," said Mr Punch, and he went behind the bookcase.
"OH! The South Pole!" Knauf and Hand heard him saying.
"Well, that is quite a jump. You know, some Penguins down there? Good luck, Sergeant! We'll see you next winter!"
"Where is he going now?" Knauf asked.

"And now he just called to say that he was moving on again," Mr Punch said.
"He can't help it," added Hand.
Then Mr Punch said that he didn't know whether Knauf and Hand knew why Sergeant Snow was always on the move—never staying very long in one place—always marching on. He said it was because of two things.

First reason

One of the things was his love for his friends. He couldn't bear not to visit them at least once a year, generally in mid-winter. So he went from place to place, from town to town, visiting.

"And what is the second reason the Sergeant is always on the move?" Hand asked Mr Punch.

"Mr Punch smiled.
"The second reason is the weather," he said. "He doesn't mind a bit of sunshine now and then. But he can't stand a really fine warm sunny day."
"No, sir," said Mr Punch, "there's nothing like fine weather to make Sergeant Snow run. You look for him and you run your eyes. He just isn't there any more!"

Left last month

"He left our lot about a month ago," Knauf said. "Where did he go off to?"
"In the past month," said Mr Punch, "the Sergeant moved around the whole country."
While he was saying this, Mr Punch took a little black notebook out of his pocket and looked in it.
"After leaving the empty lot in this street," Mr Punch went on, "the Sergeant went to Cleveland where he stood in the

"Good-bye from us, too!"

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SHOCKING SOCCER

Four sent off in Birmingham-Espanol Fairs Cup match

Birmingham, Dec. 7.

Four players—two from each side—were sent off the field in an explosive first round Inter-Cities Fairs Cup football match between Birmingham City and RCD Espanol (Barcelona) here tonight.

Birmingham won 1-0 after a scoreless first half, but Espanol qualify on a 5-3 aggregate, having won the first leg 5-2.

The players were ordered off by Scottish referee Tommy Wharton in the second half. Birmingham centre-forward Harris and the Spanish centre-half Abel were involved in an incident and immediately received their marching orders in the 57th minute.

BOOING

Then Birmingham left-winger Ault, who scored the only goal in the 60th minute, clashed with the Spanish inside-right Ribas. The players had to be parted by the referee who ordered them to the dressing-rooms. Both players at first refused to leave, but finally went amid a storm of boos from the crowd of nearly 17,000.

These incidents apart, there was little excitement in the game. The Spaniards played neat football on a frozen pitch.—Reuter.

Indians can make softball history this weekend

By OLLY VAS

No surprise results are expected this weekend at Tin Kwong-road as all the teams in the running for the various championships clash with the weaker sides.

Tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 pm Johnny Chaves' Indians will be going after their third no-hitter in a row and if they can pull it off the Indians will make softball history. Since their opponents are the Austers the Indians might yet write their names in the record books.

Hard-hitting

In the last two games they trounced the Security Nine 25-0 and then the Antelopes 17-0 in a total of 12 innings of play. There is no doubt that the Indians will win tomorrow's game but the question is "Another no-hit, no-run game?"

The SCAA nine come up against the hard-hitting Saints in the game which follows, at around 4.00 pm. The Saints

have won four and lost one while it is just the opposite with SCAA. Not much guessing is needed here as to which side will triumph.

Sunday's opening game at 10.00 am sees the White Sox pitted against the New Asia. With one and two defeats chalked up against them respectively neither side can afford to drop another decision. I pick the Sox to win but New Asia has more than a fighting chance to upset if pitcher Chan shows steadiness on the mound.

At 11.30 am the only Senior game of the week finds the SCAA squad playing the U.S. Navy team from the Whitfield County. The sailors showed themselves to be a very weak side all round and SCAA should not even have to raise a sweat to emerge winners.

Double figures?

At 1.45 pm the University nine play the Antelopes and here the score will run to double figures. The soldiers' skipper, Barry Mayfield should raise his batting average a bit against the University's Goodair as Mayfield has literally had his eye on the ball since the season began.

To round off the day the fifth and final Junior game takes place at 3.30 pm when Lee Chee-hong's Overseas will be trying to keep the score down against Yee Jick-fai's Pandas, the only undefeated side in men's softball this year. Yee's boys should make it six in a row.

Incidentally entries are now being invited for the annual International Softball Series due to begin on December 26 and it is hoped that Portugal, China, the Philippines, Pakistan, U.S.A., Great Britain and Japan will take part in the Men's section and Portugal and China in the Women's section.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDET

Ex-World champion Mihail Tal has been a subdued player recently after his crushing defeat by Botvinnik in the title match, but there was a glimpse of his flair for brilliant sacrifices in this game from the European team championship (Tal v. Toran). 1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 Kt-KB3, P-Q3; 3 P-Q4, P×P; 4 Kt×P, Kt-KB3; 5 Kt-QB3, P-K3; 6 P-B4, P-QR3; 7 B-K3, QKt-Q2 (better than this passive move is 7... P-QKt4); 8 P-KKt4!, Kt-B4; 9 Q-B3, Q-B2; 10 P-K5, Kt-K2-Q2; 11 P-QR4, P-QKt3; 12 B-R3!, B-K12; 13 O-O, Kt×Kt; 14 Kt×Kt, Kt-B4; 15 Kt×Kt!, Kt×Kt (K3); 16 P-B5, Kt-B4; 17 B×Kt, Kt-B×B; 18 P-B6 (now Black's king is fixed in the centre, and Tal's pieces mass for the kill), P-Kt3; 19 Q-R-Q1, P-B5; 20 KR-K, K-Q1; 21 Kt×P1, B×Kt (if 21... B×Q; 22 Kt×P mate); 22 R×B ch!, Q×R; 23 Q×B, R-QKt1; 24 Q×BP, R×P; 25 Q-KR1, R×P (if 25... R-B1; 26 Q×Rch, K-B2; 27 Q-B8 ch. Resigns (27... K-K13; 28 R-K9).

Solution No. 6148: (threat 2 Kt-R5), Q×Kt ch; 2 Kt×Q, or 1... Q×P ch; 2 R×Q, or 1... Q×Kt(B3); 2 Q×Q, or 1... Rt×B; 2R-B3. London Express Service.

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Sports Diary

TODAY

Badminton

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THE GAMBOLES . . .



Be Barry Appleby



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Talking Sport

South v North swim battle

There's a palace revolution brewing in the swimming world, where battles between officials and competitors are almost as frequent as in the world of athletics. The object of the revolution is to replace the British team-manager, Mr Austin Rawlinson, with a man from the South. Mr Rawlinson, who is 59, comes from Liverpool.

Since the revolutionaries are the delegates of the Southern Club, they insist that he will have their own way. Their idea is a young Southern committee, and their contention that since three-quarters of the British team usually comes from the South, it would be best to have a manager who already knows most of them personally.

For the Empire Games at Perth next year each of the four home countries will in any case be sending a separate team. So one assumes that the Southern representatives will feel still more leeway about an England team, whose representation is sure to be even more strongly Southern.

Beneficial defeat

"I don't think anything did us more good than Coventry beating us by 10 points," said Peter Wright, captain of Blackheath Rugby Club.

"It shook everybody. I don't think they feel depressed, they didn't want to face anybody. I was able to turn round to them and say 'Right, you're coming to training.' Before that, they might not have taken any notice."

The logical thing is that Wright, after his heroic efforts for Blackheath, should miss their famous victory over Oxford, he was over in Paris when the London fifteen. If anything he felt less absent than he has been beneficial. David Stevens, my vice-captain, has been slightly off form, and I think the responsibility brought everything out of him that was good.

"I think the answer to it is that we've had the whole first team training together. It's beginning to pay off. We do two nights a week, and I insist the whole fifteen are there on at least one of the nights. Although we've lost a few, we've tried to keep a steady side. I didn't want people to think if they had one bad game they'd be out."

"We are trying hard to attract new players to join now; particularly University players, but University players who are going to come down and be regular players. We're trying to get father abroad, too; when we play the amateur sides of local

'ALL VERY JOLLY' THIS FENCING MARATHON

Allan Jay is refreshing: a genuine amateur in this world of broken-time and quasi-professionals.

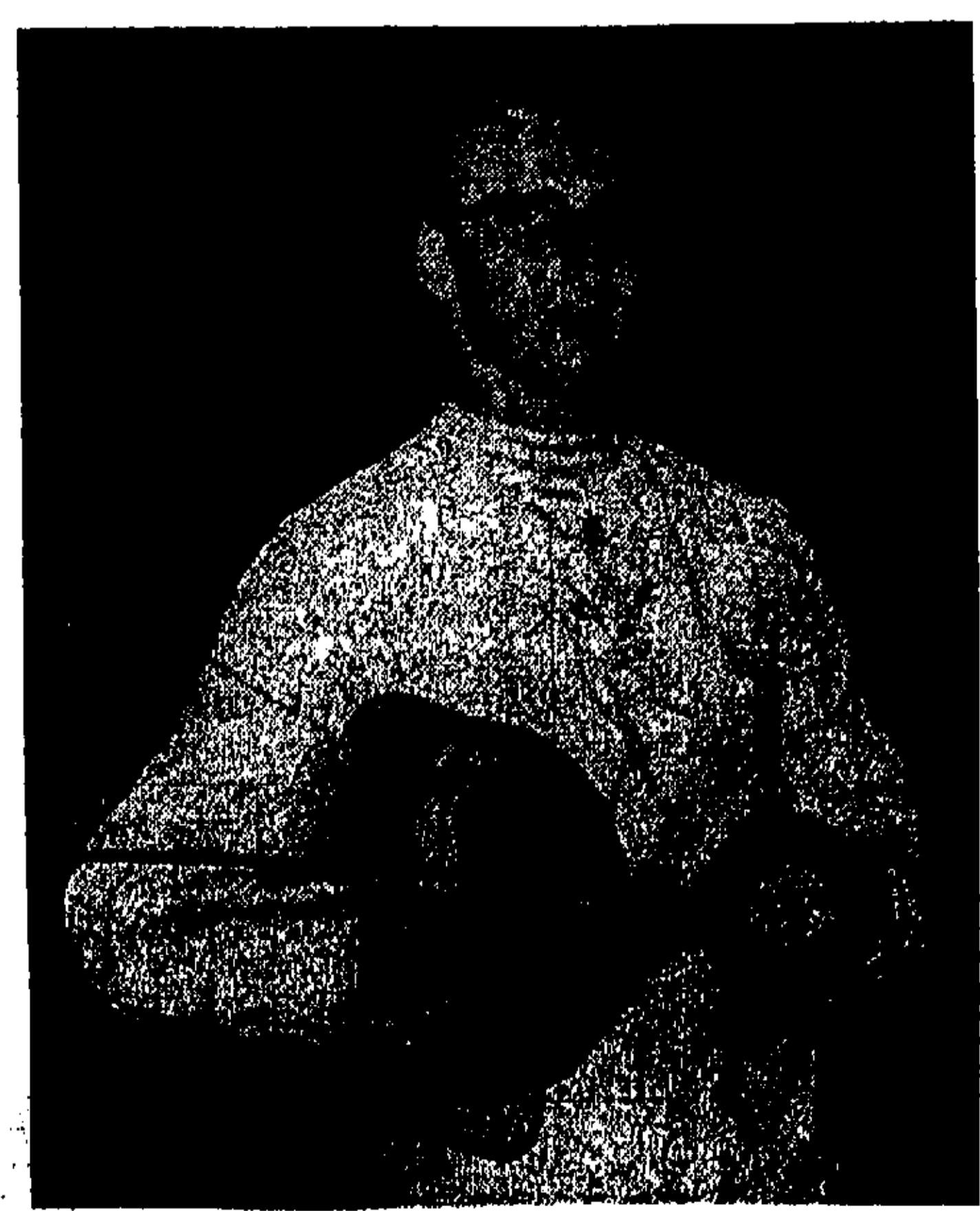
After a mere three weeks' training, the former world champion fencer, a silver-medallist at the Rome Olympics, is off to Paris on December 8 to take part in the fourth stage of the Challenge Martini. And even those brief weeks have been curtailed by the fact that, last Sunday, "I broke my glasses in a tournament, and very rashly haven't got a second pair."

The Martini is an intriguing and unusual competition; it spreads its leisurely way over five years, of which this is the fourth. Jay, 30 now, busier and busier with his solicitor's practice, is still in second position; Jeno Karuti, the Hungarian, runner-up in last year's world championships, is first.

First of season

Jay describes it as "a nice, social competition; gala dinners, night clubs, and what have you, which is all very enjoyable—also all the people I know from here and there, which is also very jolly." I've just had three weeks' training, but I didn't get knocked out in the first round; and I want to go to Tokyo, just for the social competition."

"This is the first competition in the season of any importance at all; consequently you and people are a little under-trained. At the same time, it's a first-class competition; people always rise to the occasion. I am in the lead with 14 points,



Allan Jay...a genuine amateur.

I've got 12, and I think there's a few with eight; consequently, the one I obviously don't want to see do well is Karuti, because there's only one more year left."

"Fifty-fifty is about our score; it's anybody's money. You see, the answer is this; form

He prefers professional football

David Wilson, the 21-year-old left-half and captain of the Cambridge University Soccer team, enjoys playing with pros rather than amateurs: he had a few games at the beginning of the season with West Ham's A team.

"I'm taking his degree in estate management next June, but probably come to work with a London building firm, but he has no firm plans at the moment about his football. The prospect of ever actually turning professional would depend on (1) on whether I was good enough, and you can only find that out by playing; (2) whether they'd be prepared to have me."

NO FACILITIES

Wilson comes from Frinton-on-Sea, "where there's no recognised sports facilities for many miles and it's a question of going out on the beach to train. Occasionally I get a couple of small boys to train with me." For a time he was even basing his programme on the Corby-Elliott sand-dune methods, but now "to be quite honest, I think that everything should be done with a ball."

The influence in this is Malcolm Allison's. The old West Ham centre-half has this season broken Cambridge's long line of Tottenham coaches. Last week he had the satisfaction of seeing them beat a Spurs XI.

"We're very impressed indeed," Wilson says. "Malcolm's prepared to take so much trouble over everything, to show exactly what he wants done. He's got everything at his fingertips, facts, figures, the lot. He really goes out of his way to provide us with his time and with his help."

REPRIEVE FOR CROSSAN?

Johnny Crossan, the young Irish inside-forward who was suspended a couple of years ago, may have the suspension revoked at any time.

Pete Dawkins, Oxford's American threequarter, is in the process of getting fit for his third Varsity match.

I asked him why I should be told, "With the amount of time I have." Then, despite the fact that I'm not fit at the moment, he is quite frank. Hardly surprising when he has bravely come out of retirement at the Oxford captain's request.

The former West Point football star will take his degree at PPE next June. I said I understand he's given up English football.

I want to get the right feeling on this thing," he said. "It sounds a bit ludicrous. I think I can talk in Irish terms. Very simply, the situation is this: I'd come primarily to England not to play Rugby football, which has been not only extremely enjoyable but also extremely beneficial. The point was that I felt that I had been invited three years to spend in

Malta, and I wanted to make himself a great inside-forward from the same Colgate area which produced Crossan.

From the Irish point of view,

there would be obvious advantages in Crossan's rehabilitation.

They desperately need an inside-forward to partner McIlroy.

Wednesday's match at Wembley showed, and Crossan

has never been playing so brilliantly.

He is one of the star forwards of the Standard Liege attack his club has been drawn to meet Glasgow Rangers in the quarter-finals of the European Cup.

Since Crossan was chosen to play against England at Wembley two years ago, when he was already under suspension and had joined Sparta Rotterdam, it is clear that this alone has not been the reason for his exclusion from Ireland's teams.

He was, in fact, involved in an incident with an England player, which resulted in having his name taken by the referee.

But since a certain expensive

Scottish international once

blatantly fouled an England

player right under the Royal

Box at Wembley and later played again for Scotland, it seems high time that Crossan be forgotten. In any case, the suspension—which was confirmed by the Football League—seemed at the time a particularly harsh

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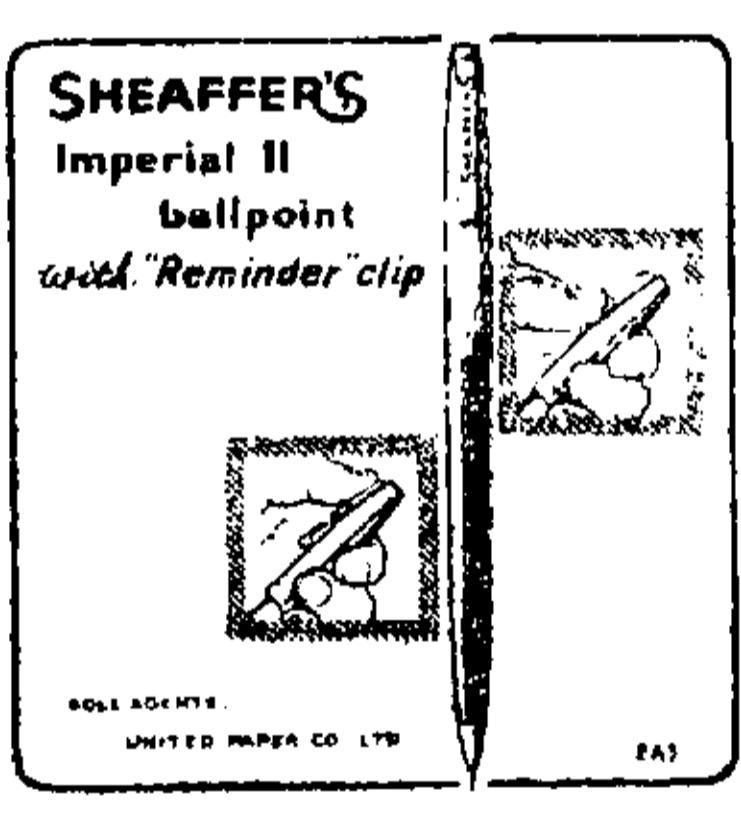
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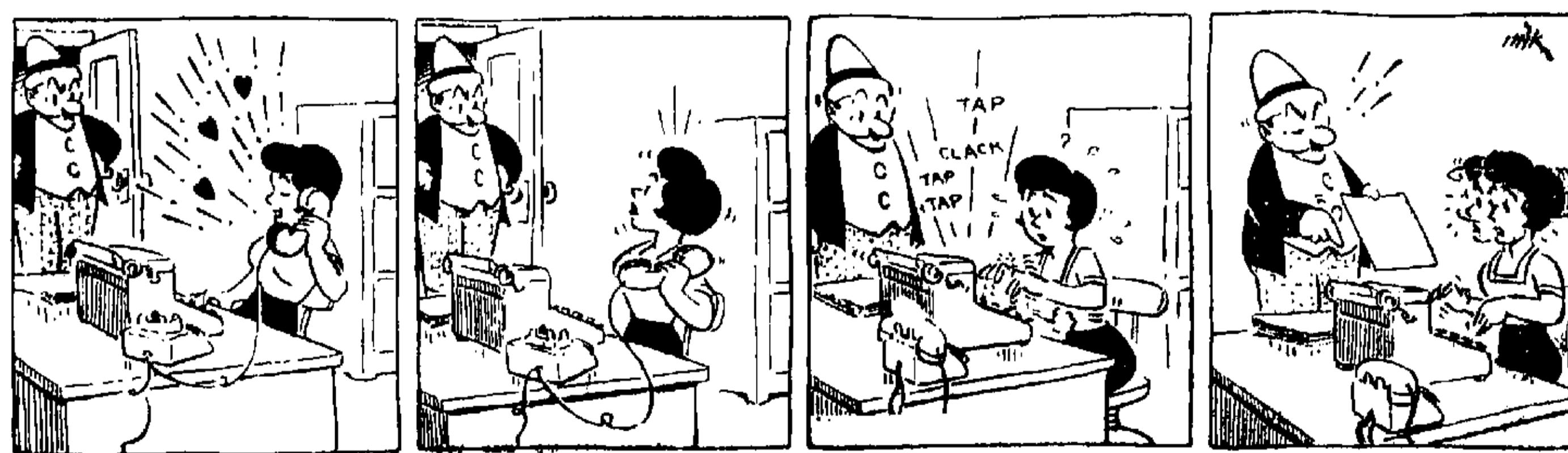
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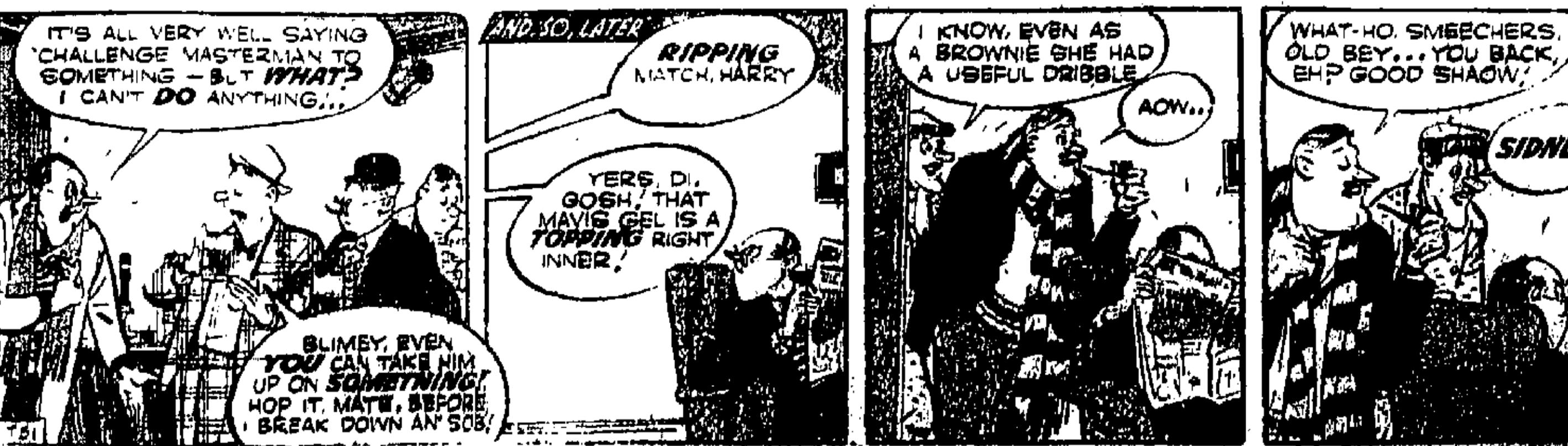


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News from the Gazette

The following postings and
promotions in the Royal Hongkong
Defence Forces were announced in
the Government Gazette today:

Lieutenant J. W. Hayes of the
Hongkong Regiment has been posted
to the rank of Officer Cadet.

Lieutenant D. I. Bonapart of the
Reserve of Officers, and Lieutenant
(Sgt) P. A. L. Vines of the Hongkong
Regiment have been promoted
and awarded to retain their commissions.

Lieutenant Commander O. R.
Turville ceased to act as Commanding
Officer of the Hongkong Royal
Naval Reserve on the assumption of
duty of Commander A. J. Bowden.

Final regulation has been ac-
corded to Mr. Takaaki Tajima as Vice
Consul for Japan in Hongkong.

The following eight people have
been granted Certificates of Natural-
ization under the British Nationality
Act, 1948:

Mr. Ko Chun, known as Michael
Ko, a police sub-inspector of Flat 14,
Duke's Road, Police Married Quarters

Mr. Zee Kuo-kwei, known as Sze
Kuo-kwei, a company departmental
manager of Flat A-2, 11th floor,
Mansion, Nathan-road, Kowloon.

Dr. Chow Tsun-tsi, known as Therese
Marie Chow, a manager of 9A
Chater-road, 3rd floor, Kowloon.

Mr. Demetrios Thomas Katemopoulos,
a clerk of 43 Hillwood-road, top
floor, Kowloon.

Mr. Liang Kuan-jun, a company
director of 27 Shek Kip Mei-street,
Shimshui-poo, Kowloon.

Mr. Lam Kwai-shau, known as
Uban Lam, a general manager of
250 Hillwood-road, ground floor,
Kowloon.

Mr. Antonio Fernando Collao, an
engineer of 400 Waterlow-road, 5th
floor, Kowloon.

Bronze medallions were re-
ceived for the election of three Con-
stituents of the People. Mrs.
Lee Almada e Castro, Mrs. R.
Lau and Mr. Kwok Lam-poo have
been appointed Members of the
Board of Engineers, etc.

Mr. Kwok Chan and Mr. H. Childe
have also been appointed Members
of the Board.

ADC STANDS IN FOR GOVERNOR

The rehearsal of the fifteenth
annual Police Review was held
this morning at the Hongkong
Government Stadium.

Acting as the Governor, In-
spector B. Eley, the Governor's
ADC, took the salute and was
then escorted by the Commissioner
of Police, Mr. H. W. E. Heath, to inspect the parade.

Identity cards

Holders of identity cards
bearing registration numbers in
the series 330,001 to 340,000 are
now required to re-register with
the Commissioner of Registration
for the issue of new-type
cards.

For that, 34-year-old Fong shortly after 9 pm on Wednesday,
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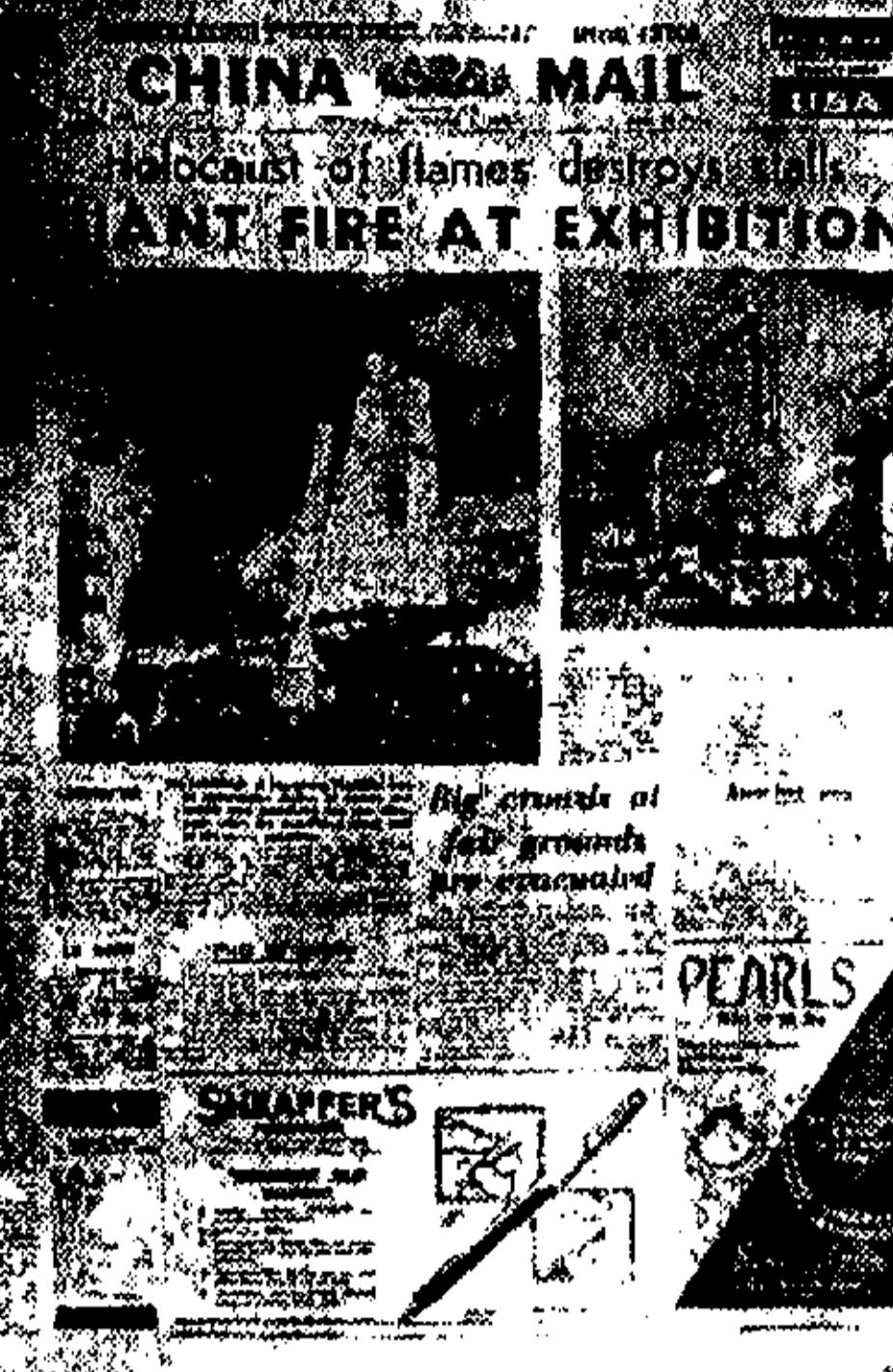
At court this morning Fung
asked for a chance saying that
it was his first offence and that
he had acted "in a moment of
impulse."

The complainant told the magistrate, Mr. K. A. S. Phillips,
at Central that as a result of
his injury he was still undergoing
treatment by a Chinese
herbalist.

Fung became angry and
kicked complainant Yip Kin-jung
three times and punched him. The police
were informed and Fung was
arrested.

He then asked for \$100 compensation.

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CHINA MAIL

BIG FIRE AT HK PRODUCTS EXHIBITION PICTURES, STORY SPECIAL EDITION TAKE ONE HOME

Late yesterday afternoon, the China Mail was the first newspaper to come out with a detailed story and picture display of the Hongkong Products Exhibition fire.

Having stop-pressed a brief report in the last edition, the Late Extra at 4.30 pm, the China Mail staff then produced a special edition with a completely new front page which went on sale soon after 6 pm.

Copies of the paper were rushed to hawkers in central areas of the city and many street sellers reported a brisk sale.

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FOKI'S TEMPER COST HIM \$100

Kicked, punched man in a moment of impulse

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treatment by a Chinese
herbalist.

Fung became angry and
kicked complainant Yip Kin-jung
three times and punched him. The police
were informed and Fung was
arrested.

He then asked for \$100 compensation.

Banker, wife leave



2 youths jailed for punching park groundsman

Two youths who admitted
punching a groundsman of the
Victoria Park were sentenced to
one week's imprisonment by
Mr. T. L. Yang at Causeway
Bay Magistracy this morning.

They are Chan Kwong-fai,
18, of 112, Electric-road, first
floor, and Lau Kam-chun, 22,
unemployed, of 128, Electric-
road, first floor.

Insp. J. Evans said that the
groundsman, Ng Wo, saw the
defendants playing football on
the grass in the park yesterday
afternoon and asked them not
to play there. They ignored
him at first and later punched
him. Police later caught the
two in a market in Mercury
street Causeway Bay.

Government appointments gazetted

The following appointments, trans-
fers, promotions and postings were
announced in the Government Gazette today:

Mr. Lau Pak-fai, ceased to be
Senior Executive Officer (Pensioned)
Treasurer on the assumption of duty
of Mr. Luk Shing-yip.

Mr. Yue Shun-kwong, Assistant
Structural Engineer in the Public
Works Department has been ap-
pointed Acting Senior Executive
Officer.

Captain R. Currier-Briks has
been appointed Acting Senior Executive
Officer during the absence
of Mr. Luk Shing-yip.

Mr. M. M. Swan, Senior Executive
Officer, Class I, has been appointed
Acting Secretary in place of Mr. B. M.
Whitley.

Mr. C. M. McEwan and Mr. D. J. F.
Fraser have been appointed Senior
Executive Officers and Mr. Li
Wang-fai has been appointed In-
spector of Schools.

Mr. Robert P. Pinklin has been
appointed a Health Inspector of
Schools while Mr. Cheng Kwoh-yan
ceased to be a Health Inspector of
Schools.

Mr. Eric John Jessell has been
appointed a Senior Superintendent of
Police on his arrival in the
Colony.

Mr. L. Hanbidge has been ap-
pointed to the rank of Captain.

Mr. Lau Sik-cheung has been ap-
pointed District Registrar of Births
and Deaths and Mr. Chan Yun-kan
ceased to be a District Registrar.

From the Files

25 years AGO

December 1936

In the Championship Final
of the Kowloon Gold Club, R. K. Collings was the
winner, defeating K. S. Robertson by 6 and 4 over
the 36 holes. In the second
round of the Junior Cham-
pionship, W. A. Bland de-
feated E. W. Gardiner by 3
and 2, W. C. Simpson de-
feated E. H. Watts at the nineteenth, C.
G. Andersen defeated W.
Kershaw by 4 and 3.

London.
Defeating Snell in the final
in three straight games, 9-4,
9-0, 9-2, Amer Rey established
a record at the Bath Club to-
day by winning the English
Amateur Squash Rackets
Championship for the fifth
time in succession.

Man charged with offence against boy

A 41-year-old clerk pleaded
not guilty before Mr. K. A. S.
Phillips at Central Magistracy this
morning to a charge of
indecently assaulting a 16-year-
old boy.

Mr. Phillips fixed hearing for
December 22.

The defendant, So Yuk-chun,
of 580 Nathan-road, second
floor, Kowloon, was allowed bail
of \$500.

Detective Inspector Chan Sik-
kwong informed the court that
there would be six witnesses for
the prosecution.

It is alleged that So committed
the offence at 66 Connaught
Road West, third floor, on
December 3.

Crown land to be sold

Two lots of Crown Land at
San Po Kong, Kowloon will be
offered for sale at a public
auction to be held at the Crown
Lands and Survey office in the
Central Government Offices on
January 8.

The adjoining lots, New Kow-
loon Inland Lot, 4509 and 4501,
are about 5,750 square feet in
area and are restricted for resi-
dential or commercial use only.

They have an upset price of
\$28,000.

Fighting is reported to have
broken out in Shensi between
the Nanking Government
troops and the rebels under
Chang Hsueh-liang. Nanking
troops are fiercely attacking
Sianfu and normal traffic on
the Tientsin-Pukow and Lung-
hai Railways is suspended.
Though official confirmation
is lacking, it appears that
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, is
safe. According to Reuter the
Commissioner for
Shensi persuaded Chang
Hsueh-liang to transfer his
captive, and the former then
announced loyalty to Nanking.
Fighting broke out at once,
but the Marshal is safe and on
his way to Nanking.

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